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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE September 22, 1971

FULL NAME Lawrence Wakely
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

* ADDRESS 134 GAY STREET

* CITY PHOENIXVILLE STATE PA. ZIP CODE 19460

** AGE 32 (11-9-38) (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION PROTESTANT NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION ODD JOBS, HANDY MAN, DISHWASHER

EDUCATION ?

WEIGHT 130 COLOR white HEIGHT 5'7"

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: Refer to letter of June 9, 1971. Copy on file at National Office.

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- * This was his last address, June 1971. However, he is now at the Graterford State Correctional Institution, Pa.
- ** According to the Pennhurst State School, where he was a mental patient, they give his birth date 11-9-38. However, according to the State Police ~~his birth date is 11-9-41~~ ~~11-9-41~~ Lawrence Wakely says his birth date is 11-9-41.

Signed _____

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Chester County

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September 28, 1971

Mr. Walter Ryan Jr.
Scout Executive
Chester County Council, No. 539

Personal and Confidential
Re: Lawrence Wakely

Dear Walt:

Our letters evidently crossed in the mail, but I am sure you must have received our decision concerning Russell Appler by now.

Thanks very much for the confidential record sheet regarding Lawrence Wakely. We have placed this information in our file. It will be most helpful in the future, should Mr. Wakely attempt to again register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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COUNCIL NO. 539

September 22, 1971

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration & Membership
National Council B.S.A.
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

Dear Paul:

It was good to talk to you on the phone last week. During our conversation we discussed Russell Appler and Lawrence Wakely.

On September 21st I had a call from Russell Appler and he indicated he had talked to you, by phone, and was told that the reason the National Council didn't register him was an error and that everything had been cleared up. As of this date I have not heard from you confirming his statement and will wait for further information and instructions from you.

I have finally been able to get up with the detective assigned to the Lawrence Wakely investigation and complete the confidential record sheet which is enclosed. During our phone conversation you indicated that you had not received a copy of my letter to the Regional Office dated June 14, 1971 and the newspaper article charging Lawrence Wakely with two rape cases in Phoenixville. As per your request I am enclosing these along with the confidential record sheet.

For your information, Lawrence Wakely is now confined to the State Correctional Institution at Grateford, Pa. He is serving time for rape.

Sincerely,



Walter Ryan Jr.
Scout Executive

WRJR:lm
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cc: Wesley Parker, ARE



Remember "The Boy Scout Trust Fund"



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June 14, 1971

Mr. Wesley Parker, A.R.E.
Boy Scouts of America, Region 3
Strafford Building #2, 200 Eagle Road
Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087

Dear Wes:

In my letter to you of June 9, 1971 I filled you in on a possible suspect in the death of Scout [REDACTED]. Since that time Sergeant Wenner of the Pennsylvania State Police stopped by the council office. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed as to the progress of his investigation.

On June 11th Sergeant Wenner was at the Chester County Council office to review the historical records of Troop 105 and Troop 61 in which Lawrence Wakely, the suspect, was a Boy Scout. For your information I turned over the names of the troop committee and unit leaders to him. On June 11th the sergeant told me that Lawrence Wakely had admitted the slaying. According to Sergeant Wenner this information was obtained from Lawrence Wakely during their investigation of his arrest on a rape charge in Phoenixville, Pa.

Enclosed is a copy of an article which appeared in the Daily Local News on Saturday, June 12, 1971 stating that Lawrence Wakely was charged and sentenced for two cases of rape.

I am also enclosing copies of this letter and news clipping for Frank Fultz and the National Council for your handling.

Sincerely,

Walter Ryan, Jr.
Scout Executive

WR:lmr

Enclosures

cc: Frank Fultz
National Council
William H. Mitman
Robert S. Gawthrop, Jr.

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Prison term imposed in rape case

A Phoenixville man charged with assaulting two young girls in that borough was sentenced yesterday to serve up to 30 years in the state penitentiary at Graterford.

Lawrence Wakely of 134 Gay st., appearing before Judge Carl B. Shelley during a day of sentencing in Chester County Court, was sentenced to a five-to-15-year penitentiary term, dating from his imprisonment April 8, and fined a total of \$25 plus costs of prosecution on charges of rape, assault and battery, corrupting the morals of children, assault with intent to ravish and assault with intent to kill, stemming from a March 28 incident involving a 15-year-old girl.

Second term

A second five-to-15-year term, to begin at the expiration of the first, and an additional \$20 in fines, plus costs, were imposed on charges of rape, assault and battery, corrupting the morals of children and assault with intent to ravish, in an incident April 7 involving a 14-year-old girl.

September 14, 1971

Mr. Ernst spoke to Mr. Walter Ryan via phone. He stated that he is now in a mental institution and still being tested. A. Sgt. Winters is handling the case. Mr. Ryan said he will send us a copy of his letter to the Sc. Exec. and also a newspaper clipping from another incident in which Mr. Wakely was involved.

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August 30, 1971

Mr. Walter Ryan, Jr.
Scout Executive
Chester County Council, No. 539 Personal and Confidential
Re: Lawrence Wakely

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Mr. Wesley Parker forwarded to us your letter of June 9 concerning Lawrence Wakely, who was once registered in Troop 105, Spring City, Pa. We are now placing this man's name on our Confidential File and would appreciate your cooperation in filling out the attached form for identification purposes.

In addition to this form we would also appreciate any other information you may have, such as police reports or newspaper clippings which relate to this case. These documents are very necessary for our file. Should there be any further developments, please keep us informed.

Sincerely,

Joseph Early, Manager
Registration and Membership

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August 23, 1971

Mr. Wesley Parker
Ass't. Regional Executive
Region Three

Personal and Confidential
Re: Lawrence Wakely

Dear Mr. Parker:

Sorry to have to write again concerning Mr. Wakely, but we still have not received the confidential record sheet we need.

Won't you please try to fill it out and return it as soon as possible? We cannot complete our records until we receive this completed form. Your help will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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August 23, 1971

Mr. Wesley Parker
Ass't. Regional Executive
Region Three

Personal and Confidential
Re: Lawrence Wakely

Dear Mr. ^{Wes}~~Parker~~:

Sorry to have to write again concerning Mr. Wakely, but we still have not received the confidential record sheet we need.

Won't you please try to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We cannot complete our records until we receive this completed form. Your help will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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June 22, 1971

Mr. Wesley Parker
Ass't. Regional Executive
Region Three

Personal and Confidential
Re: Lawrence Wakely

Dear Mr. ^{Wes}Parker:

Thank you for your letter of June 11 and the enclosed correspondence from Walter Ryan, concerning Lawrence Wakely. We have placed this information in our file.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. Please continue to keep us informed, should there be any new developments.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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cc: Mr. Walter Ryan, Jr.

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June 11, 1971

Mr. Marshall Monroe
National Director
Manpower and Administration

Dear Marshall:

Attached is a letter I have received from Walter Ryan regarding the [REDACTED] homicide.

As you will quickly determine, the police are continuing to work on this investigation and it may be that they are close to resolving it. We sure hope so.

I will continue to keep you posted on any new developments.

Sincerely,

Wesley Parker
Assistant Regional Executive

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Att.

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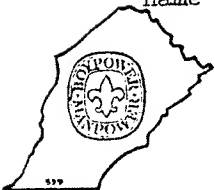
Mr. Wes Parker, A.R.E.
Boy Scouts of America, Region 3
Strafford Building #2
200 Eagle Road
Wayne, Pa. 19087

Dear Wes:

This letter is in regards to our phone conversation today, June 9, 1971, regarding a telephone call from Sergeant Wenner of the Pennsylvania State Police of a possible suspect responsible for the death of Scout [REDACTED], on April 26, 1970, on the grounds of St. Basil The Great, Roman Catholic Church, Kimberton, Pa. As per your instructions, you asked me to put in writing to you the information that I received from Sergeant Wenner and that I have been able to come up withn.

On June 3, 1971, Sergeant Wenner called me to seek information on a former Scout in this council, Lawrence Wakely, a suspect being held in the death of [REDACTED]. The sergeant indicated that Lawrence Wakely was a Scout in Troop 105, sponsored by the Pennhurst State School, Spring City, Pa. around 1960-1964. He also indicated that he was a mental patient at this institution, a white male, and born on November 9, 1938 or November 9, 1941. Sergeant Wenner indicated to me that Lawrence Wakely had admitted the crime and that his reason was that at the age of twenty he was kicked out of the troop for no apparent reason and, therefore, had been mad with the Boy Scouts of America since that time. The sergeant requested that I check our historical records to verify Lawrence Wakelys membership in this troop and wanted the names and addresses of the troop committee and unit leaders, so that they could determine the reasons why his membership in the troop was taken away from him at approximate age twenty.

In checking our historical files, I have been able to establish Troop 105, sponsored by the Pennhurst State School, Spring City, Pa. was organized in August 1956 and they sponsored the troop through December 1960, at which time the troop lapsed and was dropped four months later. According to our records, Lawrence Wakely was in Troop 105 in 1958, 1959, and 1960. According to the records he transferred into Troop 105 from Troop 61. In 1958 they gave his age as fourteen, and in 1959 as twelve. In further checking our files, he was registered in Troop 61, also sponsored by the Pennhurst State School in 1957, at that time he was a new Scout and the troop charter indicates his age as twelve. In 1958 his name also appears on Troop 61 charter with an age of seventeen.



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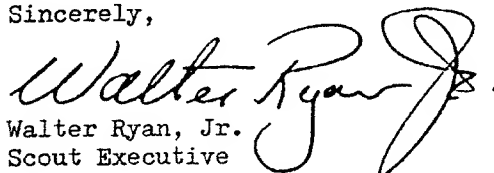
For your information, I have contacted our legal counselor and our council president and they have authorized and given me approval to turn-over any information we might have to the Pennsylvania State Police upon their request.

During my phone conversation with Sergeant Wenner on June 3rd, I told him it was the day of our council annual dinner and that he could contact me on June 4th for the information he requested. However, I was able to get the information on June 3rd and called him back to indicate that I had been able to find the information he requested. He was not in when I called and I left word for him to call me back and as of this date, June 9th, he has not been in contact with me.

As per your instructions I am showing a copy of this letter to Frank Fultz and the National Council. Their copies of this letter are being forwarded to you for your handling. I am also sending copies of this letter to Council President William H. Mitman and Legal Counselor Robert S. Gawthrop, Jr.

When the state police contact me for the information I will see that they are supplied with it. Also, I would like to indicate that I will not make any statements to the news media until I have contacted you at the Regional office and received clearance.

Sincerely,


Walter Ryan, Jr.
Scout Executive

WR:lmr

cc: Frank Fultz
National Council
William H. Mitman
Robert S. Gawthrop, Jr.

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